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Northwest Pipe and Casing, Clackamas, Oregon

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Cleanup Allows Development of Northwest Pipe and Casing Site

To promote urban renewal and economic growth, the Clackamas County Development Agency recently purchased 30 acres of the Northwest Pipe and Casing Superfund site on Southeast Mather Road. The Agency plans to reserve the former “Hall property” for an I-405/Hwy 224 connector and light industrial/commercial development.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) encourages communities to plan for future uses of contaminated properties so that cleanups can accommodate those uses while maintaining standards that protect people’s health and the environment. By doing so, EPA helps transform problem properties into community assets.

What has happened recently at the site?

In late 2004, EPA completed cleanup of contaminated soil at Northwest Pipe and Casing, and started treating groundwater contaminated with solvents. As part of the cleanup, EPA created a one-acre wetland, removed more than 22,000 tons of coal-tar contaminated soil, and placed two feet of clean soil over thirty acres. The Clackamas County Development Agency will maintain the integrity of the soil cap to make sure that the site continues to protect human health and the environment.

In 1997, the former property owner gave the Hall property to EPA and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality as part of the legal settlement for contamination. Now that EPA has sold the property to the Clackamas County Development Agency, EPA will use the proceeds to help pay for on-site groundwater treatment until cleanup standards have been met.

Background

The Northwest Pipe and Casing site sits between southeast Lawnfield and Mather Roads in Clackamas, Oregon. Pipe manufacturing and coating took place at the site from 1956 to 1985. Soil and groundwater were contaminated due to past waste-handling practices. Contaminants included solvents, primers, coal tar, coal-tar residues, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and oils.

The site was added to EPA’s National Priorities List of the nation’s most contaminated hazardous waste sites in 1992. Early cleanup activity started in 1993 when buildings were demolished and a fence was constructed to keep people away from contamination. In 1998, two underground fuel tanks were decommissioned and removed from the site. In 1999, security patrols were started to keep trespassers off the site. Following a comprehensive study of the contamination, EPA issued a final groundwater cleanup plan in 2001 and a final soil cleanup plan in 2000.

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